GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CROSS BORDER TERRORISM BY PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether our Prime Minister and he denounced Pakistan for fostering cross-border terrorism into India in the course of their respective addresses to the Millennium Summit and the plenary session of the UN General Assembly; and

(b) If so, the names of the countries which endorsed the Indian position on Pakistan`s cross border terrorism in their addresses at either or both forums?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) Prime Minister Shri AB Vajpayee and External Affairs Minister Shri Jaswant Singh denounced terrorism in their statements at the Millennium Summit and the Millennium Assembly respectively. Prime Minister said that of the many other threats to peace, democracy and development, none has become as dangerous as international terrorism, with its links to religious extremism, drug trafficking and commerce in illicit arms. Prime Minister said that for more than a decade now, India has been a victim of cross-border terrorism that has claimed thousands of innocent lives, and called for united global action against these dangers. The External Affairs Minister, describing terrorism as the global menace of our age, and stating that India has been the object of State sponsored, cross-border terrorism in its most inhuman manifestations for more than a decade, urged all members to work to strengthen the international consensus and legal regimes against terrorism.

(b) In their statements at the Millennium Summit and the Millennium Assembly, several Heads of State/Government spoke of the need to face the threat from terrorism. In the UN Millennium Declaration adopted at the conclusion of the Millennium Summit, they inter alia, resolved to take concerted action against international terrorism.